IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No 6779 of 2001

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE KUNDAN SINGH

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements? : NO

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : NO

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : NO

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the Civil Judge? : NO

ARCHANABEN ARVINDBHAI PATEL

Versus

UNION OF INDIA

Appearance:

MR PRADEEP PATEL for Petitioner No. 1
MR BIPIN I. MEHTA, Addl. Central Govt.
Standing Counsel for Respondents No. 1 and 2

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE KUNDAN SINGH

Date of decision: 20/08/2001

ORAL JUDGEMENT

Rule. Mr. Mehta, learned Additional Central Government Standing Counsel appears and waives service of rule on behalf of the respondents.

2. This petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents to consider change in the passport or issue new passport in the name of the petitioner as "Archanaben Arvindbhai Patel".

3. It is stated that the petitioner is possessing the passport in her name but after dissolution of the marriage, she is seeking correction in the name of the petitioner in the passport. It is also stated that the petitioner has made an application before the respondent authority for correcting the name of the petitioner in the passport or to issue a fresh passport in correct name but the respondent no. 2 has not entertained the application of the petitioner.

4. In the facts and circumstances of the case, the respondent no. 2 is directed to consider the application of the petitioner for correction of her name as "Archanaben Arvindbhai Patel" in the passport or to issue a fresh passport in her corrected name, on the basis of the material produced by her in accordance with law within as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of one month from the date of presentation of a certified copy of this order or from the date or receipt of writ of this court, which ever is earlier. The respondent authority concerned would be at liberty to pass appropriate order with regard to costs of the proceedings.

5. In view of the above observations and direction, this petitions stands disposed of. Rule is discharged with no order as to costs. D.S. is permitted.

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